

**Town of Rowe – FY2013**  
**Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 1, 2013 – 2:30pm**  
**Rowe Town Hall**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson at 2:35pm.

**Present:** Chairman Marilyn Wilson, Vice Chairman Paul McLatchy III, and Selectman Noel Abbott

**Also Present:** Town Coordinator Ellen Miller, Ellynn Packard, Loretta Dionne, Jack Packard, Jodi Brown, Ann Foshay, John Magnago, Myra Carlow

**Also Present:** David Thomas of Seaboard Solar, Mike Loin of Bertin Engineering and Attorney Kevin Parsons; Dan Pallotta of P3 and Susie Zavotka, Chair of the School Building Committee.

**Seaboard Solar:** Mike Loin of Bertin Engineering presented plans for a proposed ground-mounted solar array on land owned by Bob and MaryAnn Dykeman at 468 Tunnel Road. At a Rowe Planning Board meeting earlier today they presented preliminary plans for the 9mW (AC) / 6mW (DC) array that would cover 35 acres of land. Real Estate taxes would be paid on the land only. The panels and related equipment will be exempt from personal property taxes; however, Seaboard Solar is proposing a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) arrangement with the town starting at \$36,000 in year one, and increasing by 1.5% every year thereafter for 20 years. The contract could be renegotiated after 20 years. Seaboard would like to have the PILOT agreement in place with the town before the Planning Board votes on their special permit application. They have contacted Rick Williams of the Board of Assessors who gave two possible meeting dates—May 20 or 21—for a joint meeting with Seaboard, the Board of Assessors and the Board of Selectmen. Seaboard agreed to provide the following information to the Select Board:

- A list of other projects Seaboard has done and payment arrangement with the town for each project
- Answer to question: is the project subject to double declining depreciation?

**Minutes:** The following action was taken on meeting minutes:

- **April 17:** unanimously (3/0/0) approved as amended
- **April 24:** reviewed and returned for correction
- **April 29:** unanimously (3/0/0) approved as submitted

**TransCanada Temporary Use Agreement:** Ms. Miller reported that both our town counsel Brian Riley and insurer MIIA state that the wording “To the extent permitted by law” be added to Section 4 of the Agreement for Temporary Access and Use of Sherman Dam by Town of Rowe public safety personnel. Ms. Miller will forward this information to Matt Cole at TransCanada. The Board of Selectmen agreed to the cost of \$1,050 per year for increasing our insurance coverage as requested by TransCanada.

**Audit:** Chairman Wilson reported that the Treasury Audit is nearly complete, and the Financial Audit is scheduled for the weeks of May 20 and May 27.

**IT Update:** Chairman Wilson reported that Northeast Systems has accepted Jansen’s audit and assessment. Their price structure is now less than it was earlier. Akuity will be performing a remote assessment tomorrow. Detailed information on each quote will be provided to the Board.

**Park Budget:** Chairman Wilson reported that the FY2014 Park budget has \$325 earmarked for MS Office 2010 software. She stated that they need guidance as this cost is too high. She will ask a few questions about this.

**Regional Dog Kennel:** The Select Board voted unanimously (3/0/0) to enter into the Regional Dog Services Agreement for three years with the Sheriff’s Office Dog Control Services effective immediately, and pay a fee of \$500 for the remainder of this year. The cost for next year is estimated to be \$700.

**Animal Control Officer:** Ms. Miller reported that FRCOG is putting together an ACO share program. She has indicated to them that Rowe may be interested in this program. A meeting is being set up with towns that are interested in pursuing a shared ACO.

**Special Town Meeting for School Vote:** Susie Zavotka addressed the Board and requested that the town meeting to vote on the new school be held on the evening of Tuesday, May 21. The Board agreed to hold the meeting that evening. Ms. Miller is awaiting word from town counsel on article wording. MIIA will only pay the ACV (actual cash value) of the property to the town up front. The remaining \$3 million (rounded) will be paid to the town as expenses are incurred. Chair Wilson suggested that perhaps the funds could be put in an escrow account. Ms. Miller will pass the suggestion along to town counsel. The Select Board will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 10am to sign the STM warrant. The School Building Committee will hold three informational forums before the town meeting. Ms. Miller will put out a town-wide call for these sessions.

**Energy Committee:** The Select Board voted unanimously (3/0/0) to increase the Energy Committee to a five person committee. The Select Board voted unanimously (3/0/0) to appoint Walt Quist to the Energy Committee.

**Post Office Boxes:** Vice Chairman McLatchy suggested that rather than paying rental on multiple post office boxes for town boards and departments, that a single unit be placed at the town hall for all mail delivery. The Board tabled the matter indefinitely.

**Old Home Day:** The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously (3/0/0) to appoint Bob Dykeman to the Old Home Day Committee.

**Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Refund:** The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously (3/0/0) to grant refunds totaling \$176.25 to Hoffman and Vega for plate transfers.

**"Payphone:"** Ms. Miller reported that Palmeri Electric will be here tomorrow to extend the phone wire into the server closet in her office.


**Town Hall Roof Repair:** The Select Board voted unanimously (3/0/0) to approve roof repair work quoted by Steve Crowningshield for approximately \$250.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Articles for the annual town meeting will be assigned at that meeting.

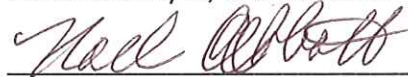
**Adjournment:** The Selectboard voted unanimously (3/0/0) to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm.

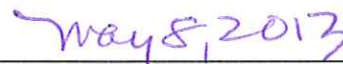
Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen B. Miller  
Town Coordinator

Approved:

  
Marilyn Wilson, Chairman

Paul McLatchy III, Vice Chairman

  
Noel Abbott

  
Date Approved

**Attachments:**

- Agenda
- MV Excise Tax Refunds
- TH Roof Repair Quote